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AMERICAN TRAVLERS ARE CURRENTLY BEING WELCOMED IN SYRIA.
TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEGE AMERICAN TRAVELERS HAVE
ENCOUNTERED NO DIFFICULTIES IN ENTERING SYRIA (WHETHER
BY LAND, AIR OR SEA) OR TRAVELING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
NON-OFFICIAL TRAVELERS ARE ABLE TO OBBTAIN VISAS EASILY
AT BORDER POINTS AS WELL AS AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT. GIVEN CONTINUED TENSION IN AREA, HOWEVER,
TRAVELERS ARE ADVISED TO COMPORT THEMSELVES WITH
DISCRETION AND CARE AT ALL TIMES, PARTICULARLY IN
THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS. STRAYING OFF THE MAIN
ROADS OR FROM OBVIOUS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS SHOULD
ALSO BE AVOIDED. IN ADDITION, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
SHOULD NOT BEAR ISRAELI VISAS OR OTHER MARKINGS.
FINALLY, MAIN ROADS ARE GOOD AND FOR THE MOST PART PAVED.
GASOLINE IS PLENTIFUL WITH SUPER GRADE BEING SOLD
AT 39 PIASTERS A LITER AND REGULAR AT
32.50 PIASTERS A LITER. (CURRENTLY EXCHANGE RATE,
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